

**Livable Delaware Advisory Council
December 13, 2004
Paradee Center, Dover**

Minutes

The Governor's Advisory Council on Planning Coordination held a meeting on Monday, December 13, 2004 at the UofD Paradee Center, State Personnel Training Center, Dover, Delaware.

Members Present: Lt. Governor John Carney, Chair

**Joe Corrado
Secretary John Hughes
Randy Marvel
Robert McLeod
Paul Morrill
Marty Ross
Representative Roger Roy
Secretary Michael Scuse
Robert Stickels
Lee Ann Walling
Rick Woodin**

**Members Absent: Eileen M. Butler
Director Judy McKinney Cherry**

**Sherry Freebery
Secretary Nathan Hayward
Ken Murphy
Richard Pryor
Senator Robert L. Venables**

**Others Present: Charles Baker, New Castle County
Doug Gramiak, Office of Lt. Governor
Connie Holland, Planning
Herb Inden, State Planning
Sandy Johnson - DSHA
Mark Kleinschmidt – DE Rural Housing Consortium
Andrea Kreiner, Governor's Office
Frank Tensak**

Mr. Carney called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

Affordable Housing Presentation

Sandy Johnson, DSHA Director and Anas Ben Addi presented a powerpoint presentation updating us on housing initiatives, focusing on Community Land Trust (CLT). The presentation will be made available if you contact Mr. Addi at anas@dsha.state.de.us. A few questions followed concerning community acceptance, resale value and scattered sites. Mr. Addi touched briefly on each question stating that with the scattered site approach homes were likely to be kept up to fit in with the existing community. Because of that the value of the home will only appreciate. The trust also takes a share of the resale value and, if needed, any fix-up costs will come out of the owners share. He also mentioned that they were looking at Vermont as a model for scattered sites. Mr. Carney also asked what formula was being used to obtain the "median income." He thought that it did not reflect a true figure. Ms. Johnson said that all figures were based on HUD standards.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

Mark Kleinschmidt of the Delaware Housing Coalition, a non-profit housing advocate group of 300 or so members, presented the analysis. Mr. Marvel commented that he was disappointed there was no talk of getting rid of the transfer tax because he thought that was an easier way to help. He said he thinks the tax should be eliminated for affordable homebuyers.

UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING SUBCOMMITTEE

Joe Corrado reported that he would meet in the New Year with Skip Schoenhals, chair of the Delaware Public Policy Institute, and Michael Strine, the institute's executive director, to develop a format for a workshop on infrastructure financing. Mr. Carney said they needed to settle on a process and find funding.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Walling passed out a paper, "Role of the Governor's Advisory Council on Planning Coordination" (Livable Delaware Advisory Council).

DETERMINE FUTURE MEETING DATES

It was determined that for 2005 the Council will meet on the second Monday of every other month. Therefore, the next meeting scheduled for 2005 will be Monday, February 14, 2005. Subsequent meeting are as follows:

April 11, 2005
June 13, 2005
August 8, 2005
October 3, 2005 (Columbus Day Holiday is October 10)
December 12, 2005

Meetings will be scheduled for 1:00 p.m. We will check with State Personnel to see if the Paradee Building is available.

Mr. Carney adjourned the meeting at 3:00 P.M.